

CLAIMS:

1. An article for skin care with an exfoliating effect produced by rubbing and comprising at least one first and one second layer of fibrous materials, characterized by the fact that the first layer (10, 10") forms an absorbent mat and is comprised essentially of cellulose fibers with a low micronaire, in particular a micronaire lower than 8, while the second layer (20, 20', 20") is comprised essentially of cellulose fibers with a high micronaire, in particular a micronaire higher than 8, said fibers being selected from among the following materials: flax, ramie, sisal, jute, hemp, either individually or as a blend.

2. The article as specified in the preceding claim whose second layer (20, 20', 20") comprises at least 50%, preferably 70% of high-micronaire fibers, and at the most 50%, preferably 30%, of other fibers, whether natural, synthetic or artificial.

3. The article as specified in either of Claims 1 and 2 whose first layer comprises at least 50%, in particular at least 70%, and more specifically 100%, of the said cellulose fibers.

4. The article according to Claim 3 whose low micronaire cellulose fibers are cotton.

5. The article according to any of the preceding claims whose grammage of the first layer (10) consists of between 30 and 300 g/m².

6. The article according to Claim 3 whose first layer consists of up to 50% and in particular up to 30% of synthetic and/or artificial fibers.

7. The article according to any of the Claims 3 to 6 whose first layer (10) consists of a sheet of fibers formed by an air-laid means or by carding.

8. The article according any of the preceding claims whose first layer (10) consists of one or several superimposed carded webs.

9. The article according to Claim 1 or 2 whose grammage of the second layer (20, 20', 20'') is between 15 and 120 g/m³.

10. The article according to one of the preceding claims comprising a third layer (20') made essentially of fibers with a high micronaire, the first layer (10) being arranged between the second and the third layer.

11. The article according to one of the preceding claims whose cellulose fibers of the second layer are flax.

12. The article according to one of the preceding claims whose second layer (20, 20") and/or the third layer (20', 20") are, as appropriate, formed by carded webs.

13. The article according to one of the preceding claims whose second layer or third layer, as appropriate, consist of a sheet formed by means of an air-laid method.

14. The article according to one of the preceding claims whose layers are bonded together.

15. The article according to the preceding claim whose layers are bonded together by means of hydroentangling.

16. The article according to one of Claims 14 and 15 whose to breaking strength is between 10 and 60 N for a specimen 25 mm wide.

17. The article according to the preceding claim presenting in the form of a wipe with a grammage between 45 and 100 g/m².

18. A process for manufacturing an article according to either of Claims 15 and 16 whose hydroentangling energy applied to the facing comprising the second layer ranges from 0.7×10^{-3} and 10×10^{-3} kWh/m².

19. The process according to the preceding claim whose fibrous layers are formed from unbleached natural fibers and are hydroentangled before undergoing any chemical treatment of bleaching or boiling off.

20. The process according to Claim 18 whose fibrous layers are formed from unbleached natural fibers and are bleached or boiled off before being hydroentangled.